

Talking Turkey – Bird & Mound Spotting Record Sheet



Have you seen a brush turkey or its mound in the Bingara, Warialda, Back Creek, Pallal, Gravesend or surrounding area? Brush turkeys in this area are part of a rare population, separated from their cousins on the coast. We would like to know more about where brush turkeys live or used to live so we can make better decisions to ensure their survival in this area. Can you help by recording some information about your sighting on this sheet and sending it to: **PO Box 108 BINGARA, NSW 2404** or email ugla@gwydir.nsw.gov.au

1. Did you see a live turkey (or turkeys)?

- No....Go to 2
- Yes.... How many..... _____? What was it doing?

- Was it on or near a mound? Go to 2. _____

2. Did you find a mound?

(A brush turkey mound is a roughly dome-shaped pile of dirt, leaf litter, twigs and rocks up to 2m high and 8m wide.)

- **Location** (lat/long, map reference and map name) _____
Describe location (e.g. 250m south of Keera Rd near River Rd turnoff) _____

- **Is the mound active (freshly scratched leaf litter) or inactive?** _____
- **Are any of these plants present within 20m of the mound?** (Please tick)



Red Olive Plum (small tree)



Native grape or currant bush (low growing, spiny shrub)



Red Ash (small tree, bottom of leaves are white)



Holly-leaved birdseye. (small tree with toothed leaves)

- Can you name any other trees, shrubs or plants nearby?

Slope

Flat or near flat	Moderate	Steep
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Aspect (which direction are you facing when your feet point downhill?)

N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW
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Slope Position

Lower or creek flats	Middle	Upper	Crest or Ridge
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Canopy cover

Tree layer (trees and shrubs taller than 6m)		
Dense (shady)	Moderate	Light
Middle layer (shrubs and small trees 1 to 6m tall)		
Dense (shady)	Moderate	Light
Ground layer (grasses and shrubs less than 1m tall)		
Dense	Moderate	Light

How big is the patch of bushland where the mound is?

<1 ha	1-10 ha	10-100 ha	>100ha
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How big is the mound?

Width	Height

Distance to nearest track or road	
Distance to nearest water	
Are there rocks in the mound?	
Are there saplings or trees growing out of the mound?	



Thank you for your time

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